

Should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.18 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Gardere & Wynne, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 07-0153. An action on the merits of all of the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if he or she has any questions or suggested amendments to the claims.

Dated: October 10, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,  
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